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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHORES ET AL.

Examiner

Jerry Cumberledge

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jerry Cumberledge.(3) Andrew Lowes.(2) Eduardo Robert.(4) Gregory Webb.

Date of Interview: 19 November 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-23.

Identification of prior art discussed: Mickel et al. (US Pat. 6,062,575).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative explained his interpretation of the claims and why he believes the Mickel et al. reference does not read on them. He argued that the ball does not move with respect to what the examiner is considering to be the coupling shaft and that it thus cannot move through a first path in a direction at least partially parallel to the longitudinal axis. The examiner argued that the ball does move with respect to the coupling shaft, since the ball is rolling and the rotational motion of the ball will cause the ball to move through a path that is at least partially parallel to the longitudinal axis. Also discussed was the possibility of claiming the aperture in a more structurally specific way (e.g. defining the length and width of the aperture). Further search and/or consideration will be necessary.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James D. [unclear]".